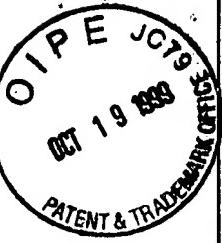


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 18-20. Please add Claims 21-23. Please amend claims 1, 2, 5-8, and 10-17. All claims have been reproduced below even if not being amended for the Examiner's convenience.

*SJF* (Amended) A thermal and moisture barrier for use with a specialized heating and humidifying apparatus having a bed portion used in the care of a neonatal infant comprising[;]:

a substantially flexible cover defining when placed over the bed an enclosure to accommodate a neonatal infant; and

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